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Connecting Literature with Nature

Emily Dickinson Had a Colorado Springs Link Through Helen Hunt Jackson



Participants at Cheyenne Mountain State Park's Literary Walk in the Woods learned about the personal connection American poet Emily Dickinson had with author and Native American-activist Helen Hunt Jackson who lived in Colorado Springs in the 1800s.

By MELISSA ROLLI

"First let me disavowal you of any preconceived misconceptions of Emily Dickinson," said Robin Izer at the third annual Literary Walk in the Woods at Cheyenne Mountain State Park on Saturday, July 25.

Izer, a local resident and author, went on to reveal some of the personal connections Dickinson had with Helen Hunt Jackson who lived and wrote in Colorado Springs during the 1800s. Through extensive research, Izer learned of personal correspondence between the two authors who grew up and went to school together in Amherst, Mass.

The event was the third of a series of five for this year's Literary Walk in the Woods program at the state park off of Highway 115 at the southern edge of Colorado Springs. More than 30 people attended on July 25, starting with a classroom session filled with background information then taking a hike along the mostly flat, mile-long Zook Loop Trail

to a rock garden where Izer read selections of Dickinson's poems.

"I was intrigued by the connection Dickinson had to Colorado Springs," remarked one of the attendees. According to Izer, Dickinson and Helen Hunt Jackson attended the same primary school, and lost touch until later in life, when Jackson, residing in Colorado Springs, was reconnected with her childhood friend via their mutual friend, Atlantic Monthly Editor Thomas Wentworth Higginson. From there, the two began a life-long correspondence through which Jackson encouraged Dickinson to share her work. Izer said that effort of Jackson's was largely unsuccessful. "It was very interesting," the participant concluded at the end of the presentation.

It was after the classroom session that participants drove to the trailhead and began the short, guided walk. A volunteer had noted at the visitor center that this was the "first time since 1950 that the park has had water in its creeks," which could be

seen along the trail. Izer gave participants the opportunity to discuss some of Dickinson's work during the poetry-reading time.

"It was different hearing nature poetry in nature," one participant said. That connection is the one of the goals of the Literary Walk in the Woods program.

This year's program previously covered naturalist and photographer Enos Mills, as well as author Terry Tempest Williams. Planned for 1 – 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 29 is a presentation about American nature writer John Muir, and from 1 – 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, the event will focus on Colorado Springs-native author Frank Waters. Details are available at <http://friendsofcmstp.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/WalkInTheWoodsSeries2015.pdf> or by calling 576-2016. Reservations are required by calling that number.

The events are free but a state parks pass is required (\$7 daily). Cheyenne Mountain State Park is located at 410 JL Ranch Heights.



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Possible Removal of Traffic Signal on Lake Avenue Under Review

Signs Announcing Removal Were in Error

By WILLIAM J DAGENDESH

The possible removal of a pedestrian traffic signal light located on Lake Avenue and 6th Street is being reviewed by the City of Colorado Springs. Signs have been posted on 5th and 7th Streets informing citizens of the potential change.

According to Kathleen Krager, transportation manager with the City of Colorado Springs Public Works Department/Traffic Engineering Division, the City's signal logs show that the pedestrian button is rarely used. This could indicate that there is a lack of pedestrians in the area or that traffic volume is low enough that pedestrians don't need to push the button, Krager said.

"We found, on average, that the button is pushed about eight times a day," Krager said. "We want to learn more and are gathering comments from the neighborhood. We have received letters from people saying they use the signal light often."

Lake Avenue divides a residential neighborhood where crossing this busy intersection is difficult for pedestrians and nearly impossible for children trying to access their school, said area resident Carolyn



The pedestrian crossing light at Lake Avenue and 6th Street is under review for whether it is needed or not.

Cresswell. If removed, residents living on the north side of Lake will find it difficult to access restaurants and other services at Country Club Corners, she said.

In the 1980s the light was removed but reinstalled after several car/pedestrian accidents occurred on Lake Avenue, Cresswell said. Removing the signal light will increase congestion as more citizens drive their children to school, she said, and others will be unable to access neighbors and services a few blocks away without resorting to driving.

Recently, signs had been posted informing residents that removal had been scheduled, but those signs were put up in error, said Krager. Now the correct signs are up saying it is under review. During the next six months the city will gather community comments, and study volumes and call-button usage in more detail before making a decision. A public meeting will be scheduled if the city requires more public input, Krager said.

To learn more about the review, residents can call 385-5966.

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife is offering free admission to state parks for active-duty military and veterans during the month of August.

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Tackling the Noxious Weeds

Invasive Plants are Thriving this Summer

By **PATTYE VOLZ**

Colorado's native plants are not the only ones benefitting from this year's unusually wet weather. The weeds are flourishing, too.

"They are taking over. If we don't protect the native plants, all we'll have is invasives," said Bear Creek Nature Center supervisor Jamie Bequette who is inviting people to come learn about harmful plant species and help remove them from El Paso County's Bear Creek Regional Park this Saturday, Aug. 1



The tall center stalks of the mullein plant can be seen throughout El Paso County's Bear Creek Regional Park right now. The plant is considered an invasive weed. It is not native and can crowd out other plants which are native and considered more beneficial to the area.

Its scientific name is verbasicum, and the city is also trying to limit the plant's spread, said Melissa McCormick, natural resource specialist with the City of Colorado Springs parks department.

"It's very prolific," said McCormick about common mullein, noting it produces a large quantity of seeds which can lie in wait for more than 80 years for the chance to grow. The danger of letting such plants thrive is it "can create a monoculture," she said.

While McCormick and Bequette both said area parks and open spaces need help to get such weeds under control, they also both emphasized the importance of people getting some training before pulling or cutting any plants.

"Some plants can still go to seed if pulled and left behind, and sometimes pulling a plant loosens the soil making it better for the seeds to thrive," said McCormick, noting that

the plan of attack can be quite different for different plants and at different times. Canada thistle, she said, can re-sprout from any part of the plant that is left behind so it's best to dig it up, while it's fine to pull Dalmatian toadflax, but that should be before it flowers. Throwing pulled weeds onto a trail can cause the seeds to end up on people's shoes – that could actually help the plant spread, said McCormick.

"We ask people to put the flowering part of the mullein plant in a bag and take it with

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Flowers of the various toadflax varieties come in a range of yellow colors. They are considered invasive weeds in our area.

Bequette said plants identified as "invasive" are ones which thrive when introduced to a new area and crowd out the plants which were originally there. Non-native plants may not have natural enemies to limit their reproduction and growth. Mullein which came here from Europe, for instance, said Bequette, is spreading rapidly in Bear Creek Park.

"It's so easy for it to go to seed and spread. It will take the resources that the native plants need." She said only one type of mullein grows in the park and it's easy to identify with "soft lambs-ear leaves and a tall middle stalk with yellow flowers which dries up and turns brown later in the year."



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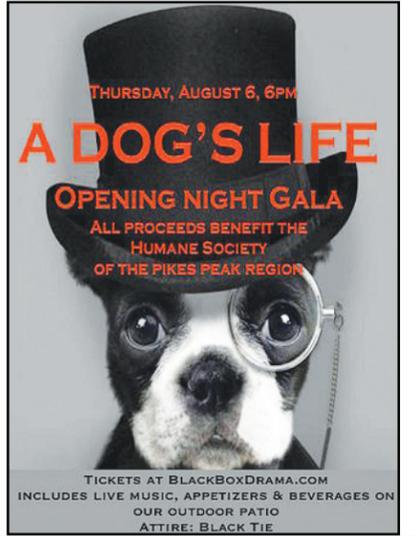


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BY HENRY WALTER

Give to Caesar that which is Caesar's

That directive is found in the New Testament, said by Jesus. I guess it was another way of saying, hey, you gotta support those in charge if you want to get things done. But it was said long before government had finessed its hunger for everything we own; our minds, our homes, our ability to keep a portion of what we earn (look at capital earnings. You pay taxes on them even though you paid income tax on those very same dollars before.) As government grows, so does its reach.

Just try to count the taxes on products you must buy—or yearn for—and you'll find the government begins to take its cut from the time the dirt was moved to find the iron ore to make your new car. And then every step of the way, there is a multiple tax on each of the thousands of pieces that go into that car, from the smelter to the dealership, then to the fuel and the privilege of ownership and finally to the red tape the insurance companies must pay for protecting everyone else from your incautious driving habits.

After searching far, I believe I've found the only item that isn't taxed today: Bill Clinton's donated used underwear.

I suppose I must reiterate my notion that politicians pay attention to history or empirical statistics/evidence showing how history is not kind to those who dismiss lessons learned from past mistakes. Both the Greek ekklesia (big shots?) and the Caesars figured a good way to keep the people pacified and subservient was to make them want what they were given: leisure and entertainment while using slaves to clean the streets. Professional sports comes to mind.

Now just because it's ancient history I'm writing about doesn't mean the USofA is above repeating ancient history itself in countable years. We have our Caesars and the ekklesia right here on our own front porch. Just take a look at the millions of acres our stewards over the years have declared to be "public" for which the public must either buy a ticket or are too pricey to visit. There are even places that totally ban the public, but that's because the public desecrates most things for which it takes irresponsibility.

Peter Laurence explains government "taking" modus operandi in his Mushroom Principle: "Keep them in the dark and feed them a little horse manure periodically." It works wonders until people begin to recognize the aroma. That revelation, sadly, comes almost always too late to easily deodorize.

Yes, give Caesar what is his just to keep things running. What's needed, though, is a much better accounting of what is his and what is private property. With the shenanigans of some municipalities declaring eminent domain, that is, taking private property for the good of the state, the "republic" sets new boundaries for the Caesars take on the role of "seizers."

When the republic taxes the states without the states having a say, the intent of the Founders is once again sublimated to the common law of the rich. When the "king" can declare war or peace without the permission of Congress, that becomes the rule of the elitist. When the republic can levy taxes twice (or more) on earned income that is the rule of the bureaucracy. When the "king" forms his own militia, that is the rule of suspicious intent.

So tell me, when was the last time you voted for a king, an elitist bureaucrat or socialism? When did you vote for the involuntary taking of a deduction out of your paycheck—for whatever reason, social security, health care, bribery?

Yes we can scoff at the downfall of ancient societies or regimes for myriad reasons, one being the apathy of the gatekeepers. But if we ever stop and think about it, those blasé citizens who pooped their civilization away probably weren't any more stupid than our non-enforcement of our very own Constitution.

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The Cheyenne Experience

The Gold King's Ship

A column from the Cheyenne Mountain Heritage Center

BY RICHARD MAROLD, EDITOR OF CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN KIVA

An important name associated with early Colorado Springs history is Winfield Scott Stratton. Although not a founder of the city, Stratton stands as an unusually generous contributor to the Pikes Peak region. After becoming a millionaire in the Cripple Creek gold district he returned to Colorado Springs in 1896 and, while living a relatively modest life, distributed his money with the abandon of a financial Johnny Appleseed. His most enduring legacy is the Myron Stratton Home established for older people, needy children and orphans. The Home, located just south of Lake Avenue on Highway 115, continues to this day with a variety of programs meeting the social needs of the area.

Although Stratton died in 1902, a little known fact is that he was honored 41 years later during World War II with a Liberty Ship named after him.

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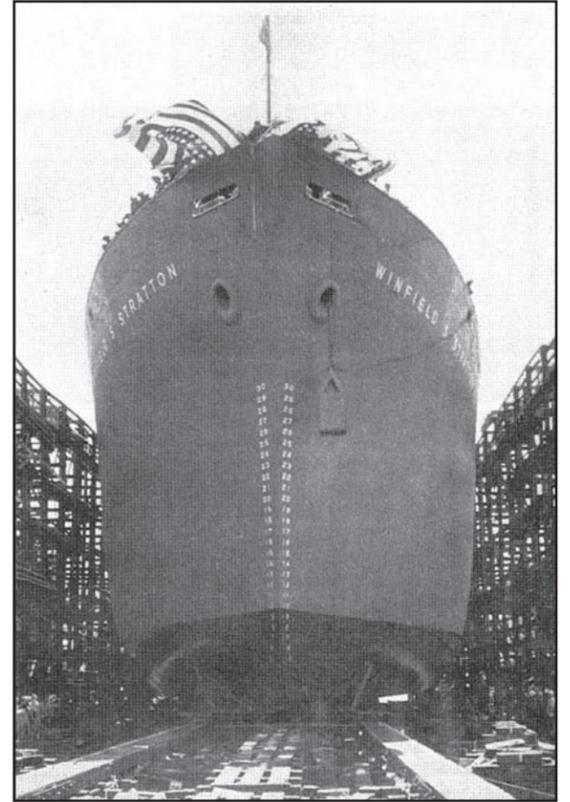
On August 15, 1943, the SS Winfield Scott Stratton, a Liberty Ship, was launched by the Permanente Metals Corporation, Shipyard Number One, Richmond, California.

Mary Bruening, seven-year-old resident of The Myron Stratton Home was the sponsor, and by a strange coincidence a former resident of The Myron Stratton Home, Clarence Teats, was working in the shipyard, and to him was given the honor of painting the name on the ship. Two other alumni worked on the engines which powered this ship. Since then the SS Winfield S. Stratton has traveled the high seas carrying supplies to all parts of the Pacific, thus taking her part in the winning of the war.

During World War II, 2,751 Liberty Ships were built and all were named after prominent and deceased Americans, starting with Patrick Henry and the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The first Liberty Ship was launched September 27, 1941.

President Franklin Roosevelt, who had been Assistant Secretary of the Navy during World War I, nicknamed the Liberty ships "Ugly Ducklings."

Liberty ships were 441 feet long and 56 feet wide with a steam engine that produced 2,500 horsepower and reached a speed of 11 knots. Builders could construct a Liberty Ship in 70 days at a cost of slightly under \$2,000,000. Each ship had a crew of 44. During World War II about 200 Liberty ships were lost at sea.



The SS Winfield Scott Stratton, a Liberty ship

How Stratton would feel about the ship being named after him raises an interesting conjecture. As a boy growing up in Jeffersonville, Indiana, Stratton often joined his father, Myron, at his job where he worked on the boats and barges that moved along the Ohio River. So there is an appropriate connection between the Strattons and water vessels – even with a 95-year difference between Stratton's birth in 1848 and the launching of the Stratton Liberty Ship in 1943.

But by the late 19th century Winfield, now a Coloradoan, lived far from any large bodies of water and his interest in transportation was rail-roading. He invested in the Short Line Railroad running from Colorado City to the Cripple Creek area. He also purchased and operated the trolley car system in Colorado Springs.

In light of Stratton's modesty, he likely would have preferred having his father's name on the Liberty Ship. But the Midas of the Rockies had nothing to say about the matter and the naming of a ship after Stratton is a fitting, although little known tribute to a man whose contributions continue to benefit the city.

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Couple Delivers Bible Translation to Papua New Guinea Villages

Work on the New Publication Began 30 Years Ago

By JEFF HOLMQUIST

Two small villages in Papua New Guinea now have copies of the Bible in their native language, thanks in part to a Pine Creek area couple.

For more than 30 years, Greg and Laura Melendes have been making steady progress toward a Bible translation for the Waxe people of Papua New Guinea, an independent state on the eastern part of the island of New Guinea in the Pacific Ocean north of Australia.

The couple moved to the remote locale in 1981 to live with the Waxe villagers, learn their language and begin work on a Bible translation. Greg and Laura are part of an international ministry called New Tribes Mission, which seeks to translate the Bible into all languages.

Of the world's 7,100 languages, Greg said, fewer than 1,500 have a full New Testament translation. The recently completed Waxe version includes the first 22 chapters of Genesis and the full New Testament.

When Greg and Laura first arrived in Papua New Guinea, the Waxe people totaled just 225 individuals with limited outside contact, little access to health care and a generally inhospitable attitude.

"They were hard to live with in the beginning. You could be nice to them, but they might not be nice to you," Greg said. They were rooted in spirit worship, Greg noted, explaining that the Waxe people lived in constant fear that the spirits would do them harm unless the spirits were appeased.

The first couple of years Greg and Laura spent with the Waxe people were focused on building relationships, learning the culture and refining language skills. They also wrote curriculum and conducted literacy training. After two and a half years, the New Tribes crew began teaching through Genesis and the New Testament, which Greg said the Waxe people eagerly absorbed.

Now, the villages include about 225 adult Christian believers in a population of about 625. "Christ changed the culture. We were blessed to see what He did," Greg said. "It's not utopia, but there are so many Christians now that they influence everyday life there."

New Tribes Mission's ultimate goal is for missionaries to eventually work their way out of a job. That's what happened in 1999, when Greg and Laura left the Waxe village they'd called home for almost 20 years. The



Greg and Laura Melendes
Photo by Jeff Holmquist.

local Waxe church was healthy and functioning on its own by then.

As they left, however, Greg and Laura promised to complete the Waxe Bible translation they'd been working on for years. But it took them much longer to complete the project than they had anticipated.

After accepting pastoral roles in a California church, Greg and Laura's work on the translation slowed. In 2005, Greg took a job with Worldview Resource Group in Colorado Springs, assisting the global missionary training and church planting organization and the translation continued to languish.

But during a trip to Papua New Guinea in 2008, Waxe church leaders asked Greg a stinging question. "What are you going to do, die first or finish this translation?"

Greg said it was a fair question. "At the rate we were going, I was going to die first." The couple refocused its energies and started putting the finishing touches on the Waxe Bible. They've spent the past year proofreading the final translation.

"The Lord gave us something to do," he said. "We didn't take a straight line, but by His grace it's done. It's a relief."

Dedication Ceremony

Some 1,250 copies of the finished Bible were printed early this year by World Touch Media of Colorado Springs. Greg and Laura, along with their daughter, traveled back to the Waxe villages in mid-April to deliver the final product.

The villagers planned perhaps the biggest celebration the Waxe people had ever seen to officially dedicate the new Bibles, according to Greg. The Melendes family carried the first volumes into the assembly amidst songs of praise. During the two-hour ceremony, each Waxe adult was given a new Bible and a hug from the Melendes family.

"They have a care and respect for the word of God that we lack

here sometimes," Laura said. "They have waited so long to get that Bible in their hands; they most definitely will handle that book carefully. They're not going to be able to go down to the store and buy a new one."

The Future

Greg and Laura said they will continue to work on Bible translations for other countries. They also hope to use their story to encourage young people to join the effort.

"We aren't unique or special. God simply uses a willing person," Laura said. "God is always on the lookout for people to send to those who still have not heard."

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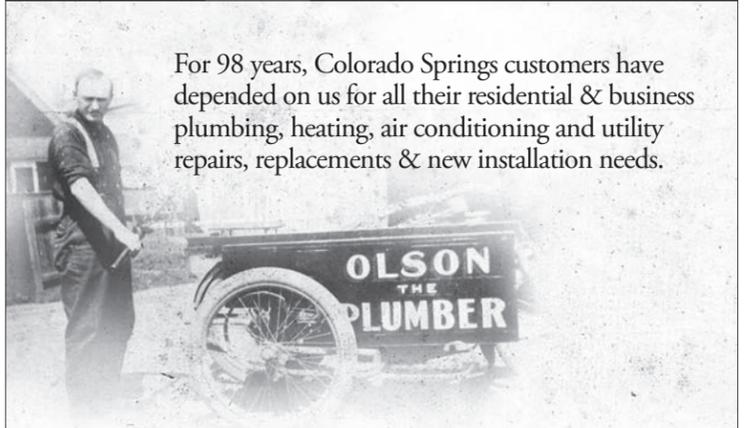


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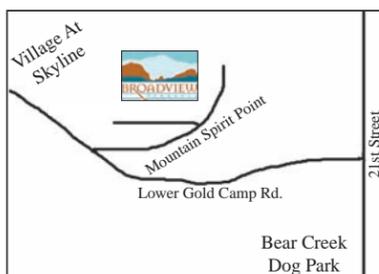


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Beautiful Plants the Focus of Annual Garden Tour

By JANET ROSE

About 800 people wandered about in gardens on the Old North End through the recent Friends of Extension Open Garden Tour.

The "Gems of the Old North End" event included seven residential gardens and the Colorado College student two-acre organic farm at 1210 Wood Avenue.

Pam and Steve Marsh now occupy the traditional French home built by her widowed grandmother Sarah Giddings Griffith in 1929. Landscape architect Kathleen O'Neil Marriage, known for her work and publications not only in the Springs, but across the country, was commissioned to develop a complementary garden. A sturdy wooden gazebo draws you in. Woodbine or Virginia creepers are in abundance. This corner property at Wood Avenue is surrounded by a protective yet welcoming fence of stone and wrought iron. Descending West Columbia Street are tall old-fashioned pink, rose, and red hollyhocks, interspersed with May/June Dr. Loomis Heritage "Aspen Glow" yellow iris, purple iris, and beautiful red roses draped over from the interior side of the fence.

The Melissa and Martin Nussbaum home on West Columbia dates from the 1950s and here again Kathleen Marriage left her horticultural imprints. In 2002, the Smithsonian Institute accepted the Nussbaum garden into the Archives



Visitor Tani Brown, left, homeowner Martin Nussbaum, middle, and visitor Sylvia Agnew, right, admired this American beech tree during the recent Friends of Extension Open Garden Tour. The tree is on the City Arborist's List of Notable Trees in Colorado Springs, with the potential of living 300-400 years.

of American Gardens. The American elm, columnar apple tree and Japanese lilac all have a place here. In addition to the American beech tree, another unusual one in the garden is the Foxtail bristlecone pine, also with potential longevity, the oldest verified specimen of the foxtail being 3,000 years old. About eight weeks ago, Nussbaum became a beekeeper with several hives in the garden, which includes flowers that bees love, such as bee balm and coral bells. Nussbaum had collected a large jar of bright yellow honey; each visitor was provided with a tablespoon to enjoy a sam-

pling. Young Anna and Luke had been there in the morning, because they "love, love to garden with grandfather."

Adjacent to that property on West Columbia, surrounded by 100-year-old walls is the spacious grounds of Marsha Hylton, with lush lawns, a wide perimeter of trees, flowers, ground coverings, and whimsical pieces of garden art. There are several seating areas, walkways that circle the garden, a tool shed-like doll house, another tiny quaint "house" in a little front garden, pottery overflowing with plantings, all providing an extra sparkle to the rich, verdurous landscape. This property was acquired by the family in 1946, when the large, old Wood estate, which extended from the top of the hill to Monument Creek, was subdivided.

The Judy and Ray Kent home is a 1904 Victorian on East Espanola Street with a substantial covered deck added in the 1980s providing a circular view of the garden. The 1920s garage was torn down and replaced with a handsome carriage house, in character with the home. This also provides an art studio for Judy, a pottery studio for Ray, and space to start seedlings. Beginning at the front driveway is Ray's impressive handwork: a wide buff-colored flagstone path, winding throughout the garden. Four raised beds are filled with vegetables and flowers, which he refers to as his "experimental" garden. This season, he enjoyed working with Heirloom petunia seeds. Here for the past 16 years, Ray has been gardening for

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Garden Tour

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Joel Holton, right, discussed the chickens his family raises with a visitor during the garden tour. Holton explained that the chickens are fed a healthy diet and live in a heated henhouse in the winter months.

the past 43 years, and worked as an arborist at Colorado College in the 1970s. An avid composter, he neatly displayed three stages of composting, and with signage, explained what should be done at each stage.

Ronda and Tom Holton on West Madison have a wide view of Monument Valley Park from their front yard which contains an assortment of tall ornamental grasses, raspberry bushes, woodbine, cut leaf sumac and vibrant perennials. One amazing backyard feature is a huge geodesic dome, built from a kit by Holton and his teenage sons Joel and Jared. It is an engineering accomplishment, and took a summer to complete. Jared acknowledged, "It was much more difficult than we had anticipated." The interior is elaborate with stone work, solar panels and a pond with water plants. In late winter/early spring the dome is filled with growing plants. The family practices permaculture, working with nature rather than against it. No pesticides or herbicides allowed here!

Gretchen Whitworth and Mike Williams are at home on North Cascade with their "teaching garden." Gretchen works at a local garden center and is generous in sharing her know-how. She gave lessons in composting during the tour, and shared step-by-step "secrets" on how to best grow vegetables, like the tomato, of which she has 50 varieties, each carefully labeled. She demonstrated the use of earth boxes, a plastic wall of water, and bottomless coffee cans to act as collars, directing fertilizer and water, so as not to be wasteful. Her wide variety of vegetables in exotic colors is planted in neat alternating rows. Gretchen's love of flowers is reflected in the colorful display on the back veranda.

Joan and Dutch Schulz have been gardening creatively at their North Cascade home since 1985, designing and building three "secret" gardens, each with unique features. A courtyard fountain, a little cascading stream with cistern pump, moving water feeding a pond filled with water lilies, and large orange koi fish are among the water features. Everywhere the soothing sound of water adds to the ambiance of this garden experience with colorful annuals and perennials balanced by shade plants. From a practical view, 4,300 linear feet of drip lines helps to make the place come alive.

At each tour stop, the owners, the Friends, and Colorado Master Gardener volunteers assisted with answering horticultural questions. Nine members of the "Garden Artists En Plein Air Group" participated by painting in different gardens. Proceeds from the event benefit Colorado State University Extension programs including 4-H Clubs in El Paso County.

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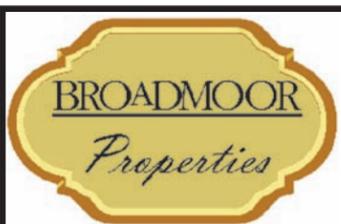


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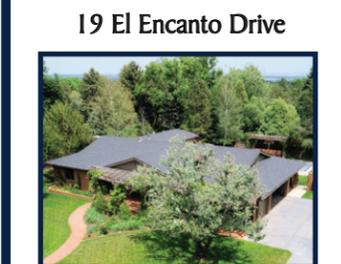


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Noxious Weeds

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them,” said Bequette about the need to make sure people know just how to handle various plants before they try to help with weed control. “The best thing with mullein is to get the whole plant out which can be difficult in hard soil, but if the flowering part is cut off, it can grow a new one.”

“Don’t do it unless you are really sure,” said McCormick, explaining that people need to know exactly which plants are targeted for removal, plus how is the best way to remove them and when.

Bequette said she and another county employee will be showing people how to identify and remove mullein, toadflax and thistle varieties from Bear Creek Park at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1. Volunteers can meet at either the Bear Creek Nature Center, 245 Bear Creek Road, or at the County Parks headquarters on the east side of Cresta Road at 2002 Creek Crossing. Volunteers should wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and sturdy shoes as some of the troublesome

weeds can cause skin irritation and allergic reactions. Bags, gloves and tools will be provided.

It’s the park’s first weed-pulling event, said Bequette and if people who can’t make it want to learn how to help, they can contact her by email at jamiebequette@elpasoco.com. “Normally it’s illegal to take or disturb anything in the park,” she said, but in this case, they want people who are properly trained to help get the invasive and noxious weeds out.

The term “noxious weed” is often used hand-in-hand with “invasive weed,” but according to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, invasive refers to plants that are not native to this country or the area where they are growing while the term noxious refers to any plant officially designated as injurious to public health, agriculture, recreation, wildlife or property. In many cases the two overlap significantly.

Specifics were outlined in the 1974 Federal Noxious



El Paso County Parks wants to minimize the prevalence of this plant, a thistle, and its related varieties in Bear Creek Regional Park.

Weed Act and have since been updated. The federal government, the state of Colorado and El Paso County each have a list of noxious

weeds prioritizing the most troublesome plants and defining how they should be managed, but the real plan of attack happens locally where local managers determine which plants are causing the biggest concern and which can be tackled effectively with what methods, including prevention and cultural, biological, mechanical or chemical controls.

The Colorado Noxious Weed Act was passed in 1996 and it defines noxious weeds as being alien plants determined to either be aggressively invading, detrimental to economic crops or native plant communities, poisonous to livestock, a carrier of detrimental insects, diseases or parasites, or detrimental to management of the ecosystem. In Colorado, designated plants are put on List A if eradication is feasible. List B is for “discretely distributed noxious weeds that must be eradicated, contained, or suppressed, depending on their location, to stop their continued spread.” List C is for the

widespread and well-established noxious weeds in the state, and specific controls are recommended or in some cases required.

Colorado’s noxious weed information is available at <http://www.colorado.gov/ag/weeds>. For the county’s list of targeted weeds with photos and methods of management, click on the Forestry and Noxious Weeds link at <http://adm.elpasoco.com/Environmental%20Division/Pages/default.aspx>. Federal information can be found at <http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxiousDriver>.

Both McCormick and Bequette want people to get involved to help tackle this problem. McCormick said local friends groups are a good way to find out accurate information.

“I see a lot of this stuff in people’s yards and they don’t know what it is so I’d like to see people find out and get this stuff out of their yards as well. If they can control it there, it will help in the parks,” said Bequette.

Q&A

Will construction continue throughout the school year?
Yes. Construction is scheduled to continue until December 2016.

Which entrance to the campus should I use? If you are dropping off or picking up a student, please use the north (stoplight) entrance. Student drivers and staff members should use the south entrance near the soccer fields to enter and exit the campus.

How will construction traffic affect parent and student traffic? On-site construction parking will be limited, as the majority of construction personnel will be shuttled to the campus to reduce traffic and parking needs. Construction deliveries will be scheduled so they will not take place during peak student drop-off and pick-up times.

Will there be designated temporary parking areas during construction? Yes. Please refer to the map for designated parking areas. Signs will also be posted on campus indicating designated parking areas.

Where should I park when attending after school events? Student and staff parking areas will be available for event parking.

How do I report an incident related to construction? Incidents can be reported to the CMHS Office (719-475-6110) or the GE Johnson On-site Construction Office (719-306-0239). If the incident involves specific construction personnel, please provide the individual’s hardhat badge sticker number if possible.

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